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1. Various indications have been received as to the hope of the Albanians for outside aid: in Mavrove, [REDACTED] in their opinion, Albanian refugees should return to Albania, fully armed, and bomb a few army installations so that the people could believe something was being done; in the event of such action, they added, all members of the village, including women, would be ready to fight. In Cerpat, a [REDACTED] said that the people are ready to resist activity, but that they do not have the means. [REDACTED] also stated that the Albanian refugees should return to Albania with arms and, if not supported by a foreign army, planes should bomb some bases, as well as scatter proclamations to the people, so that the people would believe that foreign assistance had been secured.
2. At Travellazer, the same opinions were voiced by members of the city, with the added suggestion that the returning Albanian refugees bring back gold with them to give to the people, as gold was the strongest weapon. In Gjinokaster, [REDACTED] reportedly reiterated the above opinions, adding that such leaders as Dervish Rexhepi and Balil Topulli* should take the field in leading active resistance.

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